

11TH NORTH AMERICAN AGROFORESTRY CONFERENCE



hosted by the

**University of Missouri
Center for Agroforestry**

and

**Association for
Temperate Agroforestry**

May 31-June 3, 2009
Stoney Creek Inn
Columbia, Mo.

You are invited to help sponsor this unique event, which will bring researchers, forest and farm landowners, natural resource professionals and policy makers from around the world to Missouri to learn about the niche agricultural opportunities the state has to offer and teach Missourians to farm both more sustainably and profitably.

2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the first conference. North American Agroforestry Conferences are held biennially.

The intent of the conference is to further stimulate development and adoption of sustainable rural land management practices centered on the integration of trees into the landscape. The conference will provide a forum for individuals associated with or practicing agroforestry to share their experiences and discuss production, environmental and social attributes of different agroforestry practices.



**Agroforestry Comes of Age:
Putting Science into Practice**

Agroforestry...

NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES...SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE...
LAND STEWARDSHIP...HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE...IMPROVED WATER
QUALITY...REDUCED EROSION...DIVERSIFIED FARM INCOME...

In simple terms, agroforestry is intensive land-use management combining trees and/or shrubs with crops and/or livestock. Agroforestry encourages landowners to diversify their practice to make the most of their land. Agroforestry practices increase earning potential; aid the environment through easing erosion and sequestering carbon; and create habitat for wildlife, which creates new opportunities for landowners through recreation and lease hunting.



University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry

The University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry (UMCA), established in 1998, is one of the world's leading centers contributing to the science underlying the five integrated practices of agroforestry: forest farming, silvopasture, alley cropping, riparian forest buffers and windbreaks.

Association for Temperate Agroforestry

The Association for Temperate Agroforestry (AFTA) is a private, nonprofit international organization that aims to catalyze technical innovation and adoption of agroforestry in the temperate zone through networking, information exchange, public education and policy dialogue and development.

North American Agroforestry Conference

The conference will include oral and poster presentations addressing current and emerging knowledge on temperate agroforestry practices as well as presentations related to the socio-economic, political and environmental aspects of agroforestry. **Special emphasis will be placed on practical examples of agroforestry practices and on technology transfer to producers.**

Target participants include landowners, land managers and consultants, entrepreneurs, scientists, students, natural resource and forestry professionals, extension specialists, government officials, environmental consultants and policy makers.

Sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch at research farm with foods from local producers

BBQ dinner entertainment

Snacks and beverages between presentations

Motor coaches for field tours

Banquet dinner entertainment

Transportation, lodging and registration for participants who could not otherwise attend

Welcome reception

Poster session

Computer lounge for attendees

Honorarium, transportation, lodging and registration for keynote speakers

Programs, proceedings and other printed materials

Sponsoring the 11th North American Agroforestry Conference at the University of Missouri means sponsoring local foods and farms. Participants will get a "taste" of what Missouri is made of through dining, tours and presentations.

Sponsors will be recognized on the official conference Web site and in both the printed proceedings available for purchase and in the program/abstract book given to all attendees. Attendees will hail from across the state, Midwest, nation and the globe.

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The conference will include concurrent sessions, a poster session, field trips and time for discussion that focus on the successes, opportunities and constraints of agroforestry.

Topics to be addressed during the conference include:

- Agroforestry education, training, extension, technology transfer
- Quantifying agroforestry's environmental impacts: soil, water, and air quality, carbon sequestration, biodiversity and wildlife
- The role of agroforestry practices for bioenergy and biomass production
- Application of agroforestry to the production, marketing and value added benefits of specialty crops
- Agroforestry tree/crop/animal interactions
- Role of agroforestry in organic production systems
- Role of agroforestry in diversified crop and animal production systems

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

HARC: The 660-acre Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center, located near Columbia at New Franklin, Mo., is the primary research site for UMCA and a main stop for tours; a luncheon will be held at the new educational building. Farm highlights include forest farming, riparian buffer and silvopasture demonstrations; premier nut tree studies; and shade and flooding tolerance laboratories.



Shepherd Farms: Shepherd Farms will host a tour and BBQ during the conference. The unique family farm is in north central Missouri. The Shepherds began farming there in the late 1960s, growing corn, beans and wheat on 1,900 acres. They have since broadened into more unusual crops. Today, Dan Shepherd produces and markets gamagrass seed; pecans and buffalo take up most of the rest of his efforts.

